

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with Family & Friends! This month we get to highlight some great accomplishments and the way forward for Navy Medicine and the Hospital Corps.

1. Congratulations to all our Sailors that were selected for advancement! Increased responsibility is a great privilege, be sure to incorporate the mentorship you receive from your leaders as well as the knowledge obtained during POSLC for continued success. You are now the leaders that our Sailors look up to, guide them to also reach their goals for advancement.

2. BUMED Instruction 1500.20A, Funding Professional Credentials and Certification Examinations has recently been revised. Historically, this instruction was for officers only, however, funding of professional credentials has now been expanded to include members of the Hospital Corps. The Navy Medicine Professional Development Center (NMPDC) is the training agent for Navy Medicine and will execute oversight for this program. Contact HMCS Phillip Jean-Gilles at [Phillip.jeangilles.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Phillip.jeangilles.mil@mail.mil) for additional guidance.

3. The Military Health System (MHS) has been tasked to review all personnel utilization. Navy Medicine is currently utilizing the Medical All Corps Requirements Estimator (MedMACRE) tool to realign the manpower specialty mix. This realignment will better support our uniformed requirements, operational capabilities, resulting in the right size our Navy Medicine billets, both officer and enlisted, to meet the Navy's mission.

4. Currently soliciting for ETLs for the following NECs: 8454, 8466, 8482 and 8483. To be considered for the position, submit your packages to HMC Casiano at [Leonor.m.casiano.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Leonor.m.casiano.mil@mail.mil)

5. November 1st was the submission deadline for EMDP2 packages and this year we received an increased number of applications. The boards will convene here shortly; we look

forward to reviewing all the motivated and hard-charging packages. Contact HMCM Hendrick at [john.hendrick.mil@mail.mil](mailto:john.hendrick.mil@mail.mil) for additional guidance. Good luck to all that applied!

6. Our Hospital Corpsmen have an indomitable spirit in striving for success and it shows once again with our Pharmacy Technicians challenging their certification exam on Navy COOL, scoring well above the national average. I think this success is also contributed by the effectiveness of their "C" School training and the direct tutelage of the Pharmacist/Senior Pharmacy Technicians at their commands, helping them increase their knowledge, skills and abilities.

7. In remembrance:

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Cundanga Espiritu, of Oxnard, CA, died Nov. 1, 2005, from an IED while conducting combat operations in the vicinity of Ar Ramadi, Iraq.

Hospital Corpsman Third Class Woods, of Jacksonville, FL, died November 10, 2004, as a result of hostile fire in Fallujah, Iraq.

Hospitalman Anderson, of Longmont, Colo., died Dec. 4, 2006, as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq.

Hospitalman Nolen, of Ennis, TX, died Dec. 21, 2006, in Al Anbar Province.

You will never be forgotten!

8. These dedicated Navy leaders will soon go ashore - we hope that the next chapter of your lives is just as rewarding. Fair winds and following seas to:

HMC Larry Deleon (NMC San Diego) 8DEC17

HMC Ryan Quintanilla (NMC San Diego) 15DEC17

HMC Keith Watford (NMLC) 21DEC17

AMEC Juan Torres (FHCC Great Lakes) 31DEC17

I am extremely proud of the outstanding performance of our Hospital Corps! Engage every Sailor every day at every level this holiday season. Everyone is continually in my thoughts and prayers. ensure each Sailor has someone they can rely on.